GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2835
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2000
EMPLOYMENT FOR HANDICAPPED
P.D. ELANGOVAN

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any new plans to generate more employment, opportunities for the physically handicapped in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Rehabilitation Council of India (RCI) is carrying out the detailed survey of various educational and vocational training institutes for the physically handicapped;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the funds allocated for various schemes under National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) during the last three years alongwith the beneficiaries, State and Category-wise; and

(f) the number of institutions giving educational/vocational training for physically handicapped persons in the country, State-wise particularly in Tamil Nadu?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a)&(b)There are a number of schemes being implemented in various parts of the country, which, inter alia, aim at providing jobs to persons with disabilities. A Statement (Annexure-I) is laid on the Table of the House.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) A Statement (Annexure-II-a and Annexure-II-b) is laid on the Table of the House.

(f) The Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VRCs) under Ministry of Labour evaluate the residual capacity of the handicapped persons, impart them necessary vocational training, guidance and placement in job or self-employment according to their capability. There are 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VRCs) functioning at Mumbai, Hyderabad, Jabalpur, Delhi, Ludhiana, Kanpur, Calcutta, Chennai, Ahmedabad, Trivandrum, Bangalaore, Guwahati, Bhubneshwar, Jaipur, Vadodara, Patna and Agartala.In addition, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is also implementing Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities under which voluntary organizations in different parts of the country, including Tamil Nadu are given grant-in-aid for, inter alia, running Special Schools-cum-Vocational Training Centres for children with disabilities.

ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) and (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2835 TO BE ANSWERE 9.8.2000 RAISED BY SHRI P.D. ELANGOVAN ABOUT EMPLOYMENT FOR HANDICAPPED

(i) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Employment of Handicapped, the financial assistance from the Central Government to the State Governments and UT Administrations is given for running Special Employment Exchanges and Special Cells for persons with disabilities on 80% and 100% basis respectively.

(ii) The Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VRCs) under the Ministry of Labour are playing an important role in providing vocational training and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities. Seventeen (17) VRCs are functioning in different parts of the country.

(iii) Section 33 of the Persons with Disabiliities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 provides that every appropriate Government shall appoint in every establishment such percentage of vacancies not less than 3% for persons or class of persons with disabilities of which 1% each shall be reserved for persons suffering from (a) blindness or low vision, (b) hearing

impairment, and (c) loco motor disability and cerebral palsy.

(iv) The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC) is providing soft loan (with additional 2% rebate or interest for disabled women) to the persons with disabilities for taking up entrepreneurial activities.

(v) Under the Scheme to Promote Voluntary Action for Persons with Disabilities, grant-in-aid is given to voluntary organizations in different parts of the country for, inter alia, vocational training, placement, income generation and gainful occupations.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN PART (e) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2835 RAISED BY SHRI P.D ELANGOVAN REGARDING EMPLOYMENT FOR HANDICAPPED.

PROJECTS SANCTIONED & DISBURSEMENT MADE BY NHFDC FOR THE YEARS 1997-98, 1998-99 AND 1999-2000

Sl.No. State	Amount sanctioned			Beneficiaries			Amount Disbursed			Beneficiaries		
	1997-98	1998-99	99-2000	1997-98	1998-99	99-2000	1997-98	1998-99	99-2000	1997-98	1998-99	99-2000
1.Andhra Pra.	25.55	40.92	95.15	11	71	101	25.55	22.73	113.33	11	50	122
2.Chandigarh		8.52			18			8.52			18	
3.Goa		9.89			6			9.89			6	
4.Gujarat		94.82			180			60.02			112	
5.Haryana		51.91	77.92		147	174		6.00	77.68		10	217
6.Himachal Pr.		14.53			17			14.53			17	
7J&K		2.24			1			0.00			0	
8.Kerala		76.24			264			35.99			48	
9.Madhya Pra.		155.41	43.84		411	87		50.00	149.25		130	368
10.Maharashtra		18.08			38			0.00			0	
11.Orissa		64.36	29.43		182	55		14.40	79.40		40	197
12.Punjab		8.79			16			8.79			16	
13.Rajasthan		15.17			21			15.17			21	
14.Lakshadweep		2.45			4			2.45			4	
Total	25.55	312.6	497.07	11	811	982	25.55	93.13	575.02	11	230	1128

ANNEXURE II-b
STATEMENT REFERRED TO PART(e) OF THE LOK SABHA
UNDERSTARRED QUESTION NO.2835 FOR ANSWER ON 09.07.2000
RAISED BY SHRI P.D. ELANGOVAN
REGARDING EMPLOYMENT FOR HANDICPAPED CATEGORY-WISE LOAN SANCTIONED

(upto 31st March, 2000)

Category	No. of beneficiaries
1. Orthopaedically Handicapped	1458
2. Mentally Retarded	228
3. Visually Handicapped	76

4. Hearing Handicapped 42

Total : 1804